

Individual Income Tax Returns, Preliminary Data, 2012

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For Tax Year 2012, taxpayers filed 144.9 million U.S. individual income tax returns, a decrease of 0.4 percent from the 145.6 million returns filed for Tax Year 2011. This decrease occurred because of the large decline in returns filed by taxpayers in the smaller adjusted gross income (AGI) classifications. The largest decrease (3.9 percent) was a 1.5 million change in the number of returns with an AGI of under \$15,000 (Figure A). Some of this was made up by an increase in the number of returns for all AGI classifications \$50,000 or greater, with the largest increase (14.9 percent) being a 445.9 thousand change in the number of returns filed with AGI's of \$250,000 and over. Despite the decrease in number of returns, adjusted gross income and several other notable items showed significant increases in 2012. AGI increased 9.0 percent from 2011 to \$9.0 trillion for

2012. This was the largest year-to-year percentage increase in AGI since a 9.2-percent increase from 1996 to 1997.¹ Taxable income increased 11.6 percent to \$6.4 trillion; total income tax increased 14.9 percent to \$1.2 trillion; and total tax liability increased 14.5 percent to \$1.2 trillion. Along with the rise in income and other taxes, the alternative minimum tax rose 7.8 percent to \$29.1 billion for 2012.

Adjusted Gross Income

A number of key components contributed to the growth in AGI between 2011 and 2012 (Figure B). Net capital gains showed the largest increase, rising 60.4 percent from \$310.9 billion in 2011 to \$498.7 billion in 2012. One part of this, capital gain distributions, rose 30.0 percent from \$13.6 billion to \$17.6 billion. The largest component of AGI, salaries and wages, increased 4.8 percent from \$6,161.5 billion to \$6,457.0 billion. The second largest component of AGI, taxable pensions and annuities, increased 5.6 percent over the same period, from \$590.4 billion in 2011 to \$623.3 billion in 2012. Other items related to retirement also showed increases, with taxable Social Security benefits rising by 10.7 percent and taxable Individual Retirement Arrangement (IRA) distributions increasing by 5.9 percent. Increases in net income less losses associated with businesses were reported for Tax Year 2012 by partnerships and S corporations (up 28.6 percent) and sole proprietorships (businesses or professions) (up 6.5 percent). Another key component of AGI that increased between 2011 and 2012 was ordinary dividends, up 39.8 percent to \$237.0 billion. In comparison, two major components of income decreased for the year. Taxable interest declined 8.9 percent to \$89.6 billion and taxable unemployment compensation dropped 22.9 percent to \$71.5 billion. The number of tax returns reporting taxable unemployment compensation was also down, decreasing 14.0 percent to 11.4 million returns.

Adjustments

Statutory adjustments to total income increased 7.6 percent to \$129.4 billion for Tax Year 2012. The largest statutory adjustment was the deduction for the self-employment tax, which increased 6.0 percent from \$24.1 billion to \$25.6 billion (see Changes in the Law). The self-employment health insurance deduction grew to \$23.1 billion, a 4.3-percent increase. Payments to self-employed retirement (Keogh) plans rose 9.1 percent to \$19.2 billion, while payments to IRAs increased 7.0 percent to \$12.0 billion. Other adjustments that increased

Figure A

Individual Income Tax Returns, Preliminary Data: Number of Returns, Classified by Adjusted Gross Income, Tax Years 2011 and 2012

[All figures are estimates based on samples]

Item	All returns	Size of adjusted gross income		
		Under \$15,000 [1]	\$15,000 under \$30,000	\$30,000 under \$50,000
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Number of returns, total				
Tax Year 2012	144,948,385	36,868,111	30,591,169	25,344,865
Tax Year 2011	145,579,530	38,350,460	31,200,606	25,524,238
Difference in number of returns	-631,145	-1,482,349	-609,437	-179,373
Percent change 2011 to 2012	-0.4	-3.9	-2.0	-0.7

Item	Size of adjusted gross income—continued			
	\$50,000 under \$100,000	\$100,000 under \$200,000	\$200,000 under \$250,000	\$250,000 or more
	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Number of returns, total				
Tax Year 2012	31,214,450	15,669,954	1,824,024	3,435,811
Tax Year 2011	30,961,024	14,820,629	1,732,611	2,989,961
Difference in number of returns	253,426	849,325	91,413	445,850
Percent change 2011 to 2012	0.8	5.7	5.3	14.9

[1] Includes returns with adjusted gross deficit.

Source: IRS, Statistics of Income Division, Individual Income Tax Returns, Preliminary Data, February 2014.

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¹ Cruciano, Therese, "Individual Income Tax Returns, Preliminary Data, 1997," *Statistics of Income Bulletin*, Spring 1999.

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Figure B

Individual Income Tax Returns, Preliminary Data: Selected Income and Tax Items, Tax Years 2011 and 2012

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Item	Number of returns			Amount		
	2011	2012	Percentage change	2011	2012	Percentage change
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Number of returns, total	145,579,530	144,948,385	-0.4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Form 1040 returns	83,962,280	83,225,812	-0.9	N/A	N/A	N/A
Form 1040A returns	38,974,100	38,607,172	-0.9	N/A	N/A	N/A
Form 1040EZ returns	22,643,149	23,115,401	2.1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Electronically filed returns [1]	120,375,055	122,266,344	1.6	N/A	N/A	N/A
Adjusted gross income (less deficit)	145,579,530	144,948,385	-0.4	8,292,393,204	9,042,368,989	9.0
Salaries and wages	120,317,238	120,492,304	0.1	6,161,526,961	6,457,003,190	4.8
Taxable interest	52,396,110	48,089,330	-8.2	98,356,849	89,608,695	-8.9
Tax-exempt interest [2]	5,955,446	5,951,659	-0.1	66,639,737	65,336,547	-2.0
Ordinary dividends	27,650,383	27,906,118	0.9	169,550,560	237,009,844	39.8
Qualified dividends	25,052,468	25,431,087	1.5	125,191,743	188,877,385	50.9
State income tax refunds	22,405,480	22,263,203	-0.6	25,620,717	26,051,319	1.7
Alimony received	434,418	444,118	2.2	8,201,903	8,448,328	3.0
Business or profession net income	17,317,197	17,496,924	1.0	319,286,114	338,857,446	6.1
Business or profession net loss	5,589,622	5,488,157	-1.8	52,436,123	54,633,426	4.2
Business or profession net income less loss	22,906,819	22,985,081	0.3	266,849,990	284,224,020	6.5
Net capital gain [3]	10,130,951	12,084,763	19.3	310,896,415	498,692,343	60.4
Capital gain distributions [3]	8,824,527	10,471,788	18.7	13,550,709	17,612,233	30.0
Net capital loss	11,832,163	10,446,846	-11.7	27,296,431	24,089,163	-11.7
Sales of property other than capital assets, net gain	823,930	821,888	-0.2	11,580,564	15,683,414	35.4
Sales of property other than capital assets, net loss	951,920	1,016,900	6.8	25,839,094	26,953,421	4.3
Sales of property other than capital assets net gain less loss	1,775,850	1,838,788	3.5	-14,258,530	-11,270,007	21.0
Taxable Individual Retirement Arrangement distributions	13,094,079	13,293,639	1.5	216,294,925	229,039,795	5.9
Taxable pensions and annuities	27,097,754	27,614,259	1.9	590,383,592	623,275,150	5.6
Rent and royalty net income	6,412,113	6,850,085	6.8	93,594,726	102,769,309	9.8
Rent and royalty net loss	5,674,163	5,593,094	-1.4	58,713,835	55,724,659	-5.1
Rent and royalty net income less loss	12,086,276	12,443,179	3.0	34,880,890	47,044,650	34.9
Partnership and S corporation net income	4,687,703	4,976,939	6.2	458,870,831	561,435,966	22.4
Partnership and S corporation net loss	2,480,085	2,396,092	-3.4	78,250,171	71,939,537	-8.1
Partnership and S corporation net income less loss	7,167,788	7,373,031	2.9	380,620,660	489,496,429	28.6
Estate and trust net income	514,271	542,482	5.5	18,859,988	21,918,998	16.2
Estate and trust net loss	44,852	52,475	17.0	1,120,181	1,498,986	33.8
Estate and trust net income less loss	559,123	594,957	6.4	17,739,807	20,420,012	15.1
Farm net income	613,864	607,335	-1.1	16,383,985	20,856,330	27.3
Farm net loss	1,266,450	1,238,006	-2.2	23,494,561	25,913,372	10.3
Unemployment compensation	13,304,580	11,447,661	-14.0	92,709,719	71,504,641	-22.9
Taxable Social Security benefits	16,890,909	17,873,905	5.8	202,974,835	224,680,535	10.7
Total statutory adjustments	35,713,497	36,411,069	2.0	120,286,462	129,374,193	7.6
Educator expenses	3,879,653	3,845,402	-0.9	976,767	972,449	-0.4
Certain business expenses of reservists, performing artists, and fee-basis government officials	149,474	142,647	-4.6	518,382	518,442	[9]
Payments to an Individual Retirement Arrangement	2,616,065	2,614,633	-0.1	11,255,268	12,048,729	7.0
Student loan interest deduction	10,183,878	10,862,522	6.7	9,826,305	10,785,546	9.8
Tuition and fees deduction	1,957,339	2,137,596	9.2	4,357,612	4,736,807	8.7
Health savings account deduction	981,452	1,048,888	6.9	2,934,461	3,199,728	9.0
Moving expenses adjustment	1,024,723	1,122,840	9.6	4,170,682	3,010,491	-27.8
Self-employment tax deduction	18,077,044	18,414,088	1.9	24,112,872	25,564,221	6.0

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Individual Income Tax Returns, Preliminary Data: Selected Income and Tax Items, Tax Years 2011 and 2012—Continued

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Item	Number of returns			Amount		
	2011	2012	Percentage change	2011	2012	Percentage change
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Self-employed health insurance deduction	3,569,236	3,597,414	0.8	22,114,796	23,055,702	4.3
Payments to a self-employed retirement (Keogh) plan	869,952	879,760	1.1	17,621,794	19,217,028	9.1
Penalty on early withdrawal of savings	1,061,787	766,014	-27.9	2,089,469	432,195	-79.3
Alimony paid	583,132	621,760	6.6	10,339,024	12,562,610	21.5
Domestic production activities deduction	616,344	616,624	[9]	8,447,895	11,005,522	30.3
Other adjustments [4]	144,280	146,398	1.5	1,412,611	2,125,773	50.5
Total exemptions [5]	290,959,379	289,036,404	-0.7	1,076,128,195	1,097,471,129	2.0
Total deductions	143,239,893	142,928,574	-0.2	1,940,352,305	1,986,486,031	2.4
Total standard deduction [6]	97,014,844	97,469,156	0.5	774,073,808	802,096,115	3.6
Basic standard deduction	97,014,844	97,469,156	0.5	751,058,261	778,168,926	3.6
Additional standard deduction	13,330,220	13,806,281	3.6	22,985,385	23,904,241	4.0
Total itemized deductions	46,225,049	45,459,418	-1.7	1,166,278,497	1,184,389,916	1.6
Medical and dental expenses deduction	10,300,929	10,142,326	-1.5	82,154,035	83,098,999	1.2
Taxes paid deduction	45,904,067	45,127,804	-1.7	450,763,322	473,288,959	5.0
State and local income taxes [7]	44,545,480	43,822,192	-1.6	270,951,014	293,174,713	8.2
Income taxes	33,964,669	33,639,690	-1.0	255,171,898	277,075,934	8.6
General sales taxes	10,580,811	10,182,502	-3.8	15,779,117	16,098,779	2.0
Interest paid deduction	36,458,783	35,289,035	-3.2	371,622,696	340,989,032	-8.2
Total home mortgage interest deduction	35,971,926	34,766,623	-3.4	358,774,706	326,286,141	-9.1
Charitable contributions deduction	37,858,203	37,392,661	-1.2	160,336,603	179,059,057	11.7
Taxable income	108,893,638	109,144,308	0.2	5,695,765,605	6,356,630,161	11.6
Alternative minimum tax	4,292,149	4,250,567	-1.0	27,021,186	29,120,958	7.8
Income tax before credits	107,963,513	108,306,174	0.3	1,107,934,134	1,263,297,489	14.0
Total tax credits [8]	49,857,151	47,638,258	-4.5	70,450,947	71,727,671	1.8
Child care credit	6,425,683	6,422,373	-0.1	3,482,560	3,457,717	-0.7
Credit for the elderly or disabled	115,374	65,050	-43.6	16,623	8,860	-46.7
Child tax credit	23,308,358	23,049,023	-1.1	28,295,971	27,932,433	-1.3
Education tax credits	12,233,236	10,220,402	-16.5	12,572,522	10,701,456	-14.9
Retirement savings contributions credit	6,504,841	6,998,725	7.6	1,140,959	1,220,809	7.0
Residential energy credits	3,722,744	2,274,929	-38.9	1,709,046	1,269,568	-25.7
Foreign tax credit	6,898,513	7,110,374	3.1	13,485,943	18,044,839	33.8
General business credit	428,063	397,768	-7.1	1,842,613	1,901,495	3.2
Prior-year minimum tax credit	239,841	248,990	3.8	545,769	795,932	45.8
Total earned income credit (EIC)	28,314,220	28,185,550	-0.5	64,411,121	65,408,702	1.5
EIC used to offset income tax before credits	3,761,542	4,189,432	11.4	1,099,646	1,229,492	11.8
EIC used to offset other taxes	6,871,375	6,879,942	0.1	6,690,796	6,880,453	2.8
EIC refundable portion	25,044,745	24,733,068	-1.2	56,620,678	57,298,757	1.2
Total refundable American Opportunity Credit	13,016,424	10,140,770	-22.1	11,690,654	8,969,989	-23.3
Refundable American Opportunity Credit used to offset income tax before credits	6,007,342	5,151,321	-14.2	4,727,606	4,099,742	-13.3
Refundable American Opportunity Credit used to offset other taxes	603,649	524,257	-13.2	298,149	271,134	-9.1
Refundable American Opportunity Credit refundable portion	7,743,406	5,468,814	-29.4	6,664,899	4,599,113	-31.0
Total additional child tax credit	21,520,041	20,823,664	-3.2	29,040,027	28,099,060	-3.2
Additional child tax credit used to offset other taxes	1,170,200	1,202,326	2.7	1,074,599	1,146,809	6.7
Additional child tax credit refundable portion	20,878,669	20,131,010	-3.6	27,965,428	26,952,251	-3.6

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Item	Number of returns			Amount		
	2011	2012	Percentage change	2011	2012	Percentage change
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Total Regulated Investment Company credit	155,710	30,765	-80.2	1,325,540	143,196	-89.2
Regulated Investment Company credit used to offset income tax before credits	28,232	18,469	-34.6	27,924	27,848	-0.3
Regulated Investment Company credit used to offset other taxes	* 7	* 1,444	* 20,528.6	* 28	* 948	* 3,285.7
Regulated Investment Company credit refundable portion	145,296	13,083	-91.0	1,297,588	114,400	-91.2
Total adoption credit	46,384	* 2,429	-94.8	579,536	* 28,355	-95.1
Adoption credit used to offset income tax before credits	29,809	* 1,368	-95.4	188,244	* 10,074	-94.6
Adoption credit used to offset other taxes	6,693	0	-100.0	8,028	0	-100.0
Adoption credit refundable portion	28,757	* 2,091	-92.7	383,264	* 18,280	-95.2
Total refundable prior-year minimum tax credit	205,739	201,621	-2.0	540,681	458,106	-15.3
Refundable prior-year minimum tax credit used to offset income tax before credits	175,250	177,708	1.4	442,446	346,176	-21.8
Refundable prior-year minimum tax credit used to offset other taxes	7,619	3,304	-56.6	14,024	6,203	-55.8
Refundable prior-year minimum tax credit refundable portion	26,250	24,890	-5.2	84,211	105,728	25.6
Total health insurance credit	21,111	11,396	-46.0	53,923	24,756	-54.1
Health insurance credit used to offset income tax before credits	17,462	9,301	-46.7	28,417	14,131	-50.3
Health insurance credit used to offset other taxes	* 1,392	* 1,051	-24.5	* 3,112	* 900	-71.1
Health insurance credit refundable portion	8,974	* 2,103	-76.6	22,394	* 9,725	-56.6
Self-employment tax	18,077,044	18,414,088	1.9	42,824,983	45,243,716	5.6
Total income tax	91,832,424	93,149,118	1.4	1,037,484,722	1,191,569,818	14.9
Total tax liability	95,583,556	96,946,427	1.4	1,078,896,610	1,235,478,192	14.5

* Estimate should be used with caution because of the small number of sample returns on which it is based.

N/A—Not applicable.

[1] Included in data for Forms 1040, 1040A, and 1040EZ.

[2] Not included in adjusted gross income (less deficit).

[3] Includes capital gain distributions reported on Form 1040 and Schedule D.

[4] Other adjustments does not include the foreign housing deduction or the medical savings account deduction. However, these are included in total adjustments.

[5] Data shown in columns 1 and 2 are the number of exemptions claimed on returns, rather than the number of returns with exemptions.

[6] Includes additional real estate taxes, motor vehicle taxes, and net disaster loss deductions from prior years, not shown separately.

[7] State and local income taxes is the total of both income taxes and general sales taxes.

[8] Includes EIC, American Opportunity Credit, Regulated Investment Company credit, refundable adoption credit, refundable prior-year minimum tax credit, and health insurance credit, used to offset income tax before credits, shown separately in this figure.

[9] Less than 0.05 percent.

NOTE: Detail may not add to totals because of rounding.

Source: IRS, Statistics of Income Division, Individual Income Tax Returns, Preliminary Data, February 2014.

significantly from 2011 levels were the deductions for domestic production activities (30.3 percent) and alimony paid (21.5 percent). In addition, the total amount claimed for exemptions increased 2.0 percent to \$1,097.5 billion.

Deductions

Total deductions, the sum of standard deductions and total itemized deductions, increased to \$1,986.5 billion (2.4 percent) in Tax Year 2012. The number of returns claiming the standard deduction increased 0.5 percent,

accounting for 67.2 percent of all returns filed and 40.4 percent of the total deductions amount. The average standard deduction (comprised of the basic and additional standard deduction) increased 3.1 percent from \$7,979 for 2011 to \$8,229 for 2012, for a total of \$802.1 billion. Itemized deductions were claimed on 31.4 percent of all returns filed for 2012 and represented 59.6 percent of the total deductions amount.² The average total for itemized deductions was \$26,054, a 3.3-percent increase from the 2011 average of \$25,230. Overall, 45.5 million taxpayers

² The remaining 1.4 percent of the returns did not need to claim either a standard deduction or itemized deductions because no AGI was reported.

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(down 1.7 percent from 2011) claimed total itemized deductions of \$1,184.4 billion, an increase of 1.6 percent of what was reported the previous year.

Total taxes paid, the largest deduction, accounted for 40.0 percent of all itemized deductions. For 2012, it increased 5.0 percent to \$473.3 billion. Interest paid, the second largest deduction, made up 28.8 percent of total itemized deductions. For 2012, it decreased 8.2 percent to \$341.0 billion. Mortgage interest accounted for 95.7 percent (\$326.3 billion) of the total interest paid deduction. In part, the large decrease in this deduction could be attributed to the record-low average prevailing interest rates throughout 2012 and lower home ownership.³ Other itemized deductions included the charitable contributions deduction, up 11.7 percent to \$179.1 billion in 2012, and the medical and dental expenses deduction, which rose 1.2 percent to \$83.1 billion.

Tax Credits

Total tax credits (excluding the “refundable” portions, as well as any amount of these credits used to offset any other taxes) increased 1.8 percent to \$71.7 billion in 2012. The foreign tax credit had the largest dollar increase, rising 33.8 percent (\$4.6 billion) from \$13.5 billion in 2011 to \$18.0 billion in 2012. The adoption credit dropped by the largest percentage (95.1 percent) to \$28.4 million, partially due to the credit no longer being refundable (see Changes in the Law section). Other credits affected by tax law changes included the first-time homebuyer credit, which expired at the end of 2011 for all taxpayers, and the residential energy credits taken. This credit declined 25.7 percent, from \$1.7 billion in 2011 to \$1.3 billion in 2012. This latter decrease was likely due to the tax law change in 2011, which limited the nonbusiness residential energy credits to a lifetime limit of \$500 (see Changes in the Law section).

For 2012, the earned income credit (EIC) increased 1.5 percent to \$65.4 billion. The EIC eligibility limits on the amounts of earned income and investment income rose slightly in 2012 (see Changes in Law section). The portion of the EIC used to offset income tax before credits rose 11.8 percent, from \$1.1 billion to \$1.2 billion. The portion of the EIC used to offset other taxes (such as the self-employment tax) rose 2.8 percent to \$6.9 billion. The largest part of the EIC, the refundable portion, was paid directly to taxpayers who had no tax liability against which to apply the credit. The refundable portion of the EIC increased 1.2 percent to \$57.3 billion for 2012.

All of the other refundable credits showed a decrease from 2011 to 2012. They included the American Opportunity Credit, additional child tax credit, Regulated Investment Company credit, adoption credit, refundable prior-year minimum tax credit, and health insurance credit. The American Opportunity Credit decreased 23.3 percent, from \$11.7 billion to \$9.0 billion. The number of returns filed that claimed this credit also declined by 22.1 percent. For 2012, there was a new format for Form 8863, *Education Credits*. A taxpayer had to complete a separate Part III (specific student and educational institution information) for each individual for whom the credit was claimed. For this credit, 5.5 million returns claimed a refundable amount totaling \$4.6 billion. The additional child tax credit decreased 3.2 percent to \$28.1 billion (with nearly all of the additional child tax credit being refundable).

Taxpayers received a total of \$89.1 billion of refundable credits for 2012, exceeding the \$71.7 billion in total tax credits used against income tax. This refundable amount represented a 4.2-percent decrease from Tax Year 2011 levels of \$93.0 billion.

The comparisons of data for Tax Years 2011 and 2012 in this article are based on preliminary estimates. Even though final estimates for Tax Year 2011 are available, comparing preliminary estimates for Tax Year 2012 to final estimates may yield misleading results because preliminary estimates tend to be underestimated for certain items. Comparisons based entirely on preliminary estimates reduce the likelihood of misinterpretation of the data and afford a more accurate representation of year-to-year changes. [Final statistics for Tax Year 2011 are available in the fall 2013 issue of the *SOI Bulletin* and *Statistics of Income—2011, Individual Income Tax Returns*.]

Changes in Law

In general, the definitions used in this article are the same as those in *Statistics of Income—2011, Individual Income Tax Returns*. The following is a partial list of tax law and Internal Revenue Service administrative changes that had a major bearing on the Tax Year 2012 preliminary data presented in this article.

Adoption credit—The adoption credit stopped being refundable at the end of 2011. However, the taxpayer could have still claimed the adoption credit.

Alternative minimum tax (AMT)—For Tax Year 2012, the maximum AMT exemption increased from \$74,450

³ The average mortgage interest rate for 2012 was 3.66 percent compared with 4.45 percent for 2011. See source: Primary Mortgage Market Survey®. The U.S. national homeownership rate decreased from 66.1 percent in 2011 to 65.5 in 2012 according to the U.S. Census Bureau. See source: Table 14, <http://www.census.gov/housing/hvs/data/histtabs.html>.

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to \$78,750 for a married couple filing a joint return and from \$48,450 to \$50,600 for singles and heads of households, and from \$37,225 to \$39,375 for a married person filing separately.

Earned income credit—The maximum amount of the earned income credit increased, as did the amounts of earned income and investment income an individual could have and still claim the credit. The maximum credit for taxpayers with no qualifying children rose to \$475 from \$464. For these taxpayers, earned income and AGI had to be less than \$13,980 (\$19,190 if married filing jointly) to be eligible for the EIC. For taxpayers with one qualifying child, the maximum credit increased from \$3,094 to \$3,169 and, for taxpayers with two qualifying children, the maximum credit increased from \$5,112 to \$5,236. To be eligible for the credit, a taxpayer's earned income and AGI had to be less than \$36,920 (\$42,130 for married filing jointly) for one qualifying child, or less than \$41,952 (\$47,162 for married filing jointly) for two qualifying children. The maximum credit for taxpayers with three or more qualifying children increased from \$5,751 to \$5,891. For these taxpayers, earned income and AGI had to be less than \$45,060 (\$50,270 if married filing jointly) to be eligible for the EIC. The maximum amount of investment income (interest, dividends, and capital gain income) a taxpayer could have and still claim the credit increased to \$3,200 for the year.

Exemption amount—For Tax Year 2012, the exemption amount increased by \$100 to \$3,800.

First-time homebuyer credit—The first-time homebuyer credit expired and was no longer available for 2012.

Indexing—In addition to other items separately listed, the following nonexhaustive list of items increased due to indexing for inflation: personal income tax bracket boundaries and the maximum amount of earnings subject to self-employment tax.

Individual Retirement Arrangement deduction—The phase-out range for IRA deductions for those covered by a retirement plan began at an AGI of \$92,000 if married filing jointly or a qualifying widow(er), up from \$90,000 in 2011. For 2010, the modified-AGI limit on rollovers and conversions to Roth IRAs was eliminated for one year. If a taxpayer elected not to have included all of the realized income from a rollover or conversion to a Roth IRA in 2010, then half of the taxable income realized was to be included in their 2011 AGI and half in 2012.

Residential energy credits—The nonbusiness energy property credit was available for property placed in service in 2012. However, the credit had a lifetime limit of \$500, of which only \$200 may have been used for windows. Subject to the lifetime limits, only 10 percent of the qualified energy efficiency improvements were allowed. Subject to the lifetime limits, the residential energy property costs were limited to \$300 for energy efficient building property, \$150 for any qualified natural gas, propane, or oil furnace or hot water boiler, and \$50 for any advanced main air-circulating fan.

Standard deduction amount—The standard deduction for people who did not itemize deductions on Schedule A of Form 1040 was higher for 2012 than it was in 2011. The amount depended on a person's filing status, whether the individual was age 65 or older or blind, and whether an exemption could be claimed for the taxpayer by another person. For 2012, the standard deduction increased to \$11,900 for joint filers, up from \$11,600 in 2011. For single filers and married filing separate filers, the deduction amount increased to \$5,950, up from \$5,800. For heads of households, the deduction was \$8,700, up from \$8,500.

Data Sources and Limitations

The preliminary statistics in this data release are based on a sample of individual income tax returns (Forms 1040, 1040A, and 1040EZ, including electronically filed returns) filed during Calendar Year 2013. Returns in the sample were stratified based on: (1) the larger of positive income or negative income; (2) the size of business and farm receipts; (3) the presence or absence of specific forms or schedules; and (4) the usefulness of returns for Treasury Department tax modeling purposes.⁴ Returns were then selected at rates ranging from 0.1 percent to 100 percent. The preliminary Tax Year 2012 data are based on a sample of 252,911 returns and an estimated final population of 145,025,179 returns. The corresponding sample and population for the preliminary 2011 data were 253,142 returns and 145,675,989 returns, respectively.

Since the data presented here are estimates based on a sample of returns filed, they are subject to sampling error. To use the statistical data provided properly, the magnitude of the potential sampling error must be known; coefficients of variation (CVs) are used to measure that magnitude. [The reliability of estimates based

⁴ Returns in the sample were stratified based on the presence or absence of one or more of the following forms or schedules: Form 2555, *Foreign Earned Income*; Form 1116, *Foreign Tax Credit (Individual, Fiduciary, or Nonresident Alien Individual)*; Schedule C, *Profit or Loss from Business (Sole Proprietorship)*; and Schedule F, *Profit or Loss from Farming*.

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on samples, and the use of coefficients of variation for evaluating the precision of estimates based on samples, are discussed in SOI Sampling Methodology and Data Limitations, later in this issue of the *SOI Bulletin*.]

While the preliminary estimates are intended to represent a full year of taxpayer reporting, they are actually based on returns processed for tax administration

purposes, in the case of 2012 returns, between January and late September of 2013. In general, returns processed during the remainder of each year tend to have somewhat different characteristics compared to returns processed earlier. These characteristics include, for example, disproportionately large amounts of investment income, passive losses, and alternative minimum tax.

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	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Number of returns, total	144,948,385	36,868,111	30,591,169	25,344,865	31,214,450	15,669,954	1,824,024	3,435,811
Form 1040 returns	83,225,812	13,661,752	11,507,543	13,560,606	24,076,267	15,159,811	1,824,024	3,435,811
Form 1040A returns	38,607,172	10,658,202	13,622,341	8,345,942	5,529,241	451,445	0	0
Form 1040EZ returns	23,115,401	12,548,157	5,461,285	3,438,317	1,608,942	58,699	0	0
Electronically filed returns [2]	122,266,344	30,045,308	26,115,704	21,667,860	26,451,808	13,459,410	1,579,396	2,946,859
Adjusted gross income (less deficit)	9,042,368,989	103,499,663	671,429,655	990,241,141	2,225,210,691	2,103,735,185	405,204,163	2,543,048,491
Salaries and wages:								
Number of returns	120,492,304	26,698,099	25,507,744	22,174,307	27,301,900	14,123,441	1,654,070	3,032,742
Amount	6,457,003,190	221,850,775	526,464,524	803,830,428	1,714,693,913	1,610,920,079	297,831,541	1,281,411,930
Taxable interest:								
Number of returns	48,089,330	6,508,543	5,511,469	6,864,753	14,377,224	10,286,372	1,460,612	3,080,358
Amount	89,608,695	6,775,338	4,928,137	6,283,824	14,959,280	14,112,277	3,676,654	38,873,186
Tax-exempt interest: [3]								
Number of returns	5,951,659	493,657	423,004	596,647	1,529,464	1,494,865	306,982	1,107,040
Amount	65,336,547	3,054,836	2,368,421	3,497,573	8,985,231	12,032,026	3,418,847	31,979,612
Ordinary dividends:								
Number of returns	27,906,118	3,652,264	2,835,091	3,334,875	7,763,780	6,633,208	1,092,057	2,594,843
Amount	237,009,844	8,025,787	7,805,322	9,371,015	27,507,007	34,763,853	9,630,507	139,906,353
Qualified dividends:								
Number of returns	25,431,087	3,256,793	2,518,654	3,005,727	7,015,746	6,114,352	1,031,470	2,488,346
Amount	188,877,385	4,951,100	5,166,122	5,998,476	18,623,889	25,106,460	7,296,066	121,735,272
State income tax refunds:								
Number of returns	22,263,203	445,112	1,076,575	2,997,659	8,865,647	7,058,377	772,258	1,047,576
Amount	26,051,319	369,930	557,618	1,783,287	7,379,150	8,440,441	1,386,406	6,134,488
Alimony received:								
Number of returns	444,118	62,863	97,176	114,665	129,248	32,037	3,807	4,323
Amount	8,448,328	416,037	1,073,255	1,589,465	2,848,714	1,585,403	325,719	609,734
Business or profession net income:								
Number of returns	17,496,924	5,640,368	3,203,857	2,228,562	3,445,111	2,038,751	299,631	640,644
Amount	338,857,446	43,634,458	40,883,770	31,805,545	59,435,770	62,167,065	16,758,825	84,172,013
Business or profession net loss:								
Number of returns	5,488,157	987,325	901,243	917,248	1,470,271	883,897	117,999	210,175
Amount	54,633,426	19,932,543	7,469,376	6,450,463	9,045,068	5,860,003	1,075,409	4,800,563
Net capital gain: [4]								
Number of returns	12,084,763	1,328,710	1,110,576	1,385,364	3,261,355	3,015,968	546,525	1,436,264
Amount	498,692,343	10,606,096	3,582,711	5,108,099	19,888,295	33,941,533	12,167,470	413,398,139
Capital gain distributions: [4]								
Number of returns	10,471,788	1,279,778	881,493	1,146,731	2,736,988	2,557,078	482,140	1,387,579
Amount	17,612,233	868,841	733,022	1,037,844	3,196,105	3,826,458	1,041,941	6,908,022
Net capital loss:								
Number of returns	10,446,846	1,842,771	976,235	1,159,027	2,596,078	2,371,643	435,215	1,065,879
Amount	24,089,163	4,301,044	2,229,901	2,610,005	5,874,520	5,353,781	1,004,645	2,715,267
Sales of property other than capital assets, net gain:								
Number of returns	821,888	77,639	70,452	90,859	203,849	171,163	35,642	172,283
Amount	15,683,414	1,823,526	429,722	634,434	1,641,309	1,856,876	468,644	8,828,904
Sales of property other than capital assets, net loss:								
Number of returns	1,016,900	185,460	74,272	97,109	198,236	216,762	49,386	195,676
Amount	26,953,421	16,371,787	831,655	1,001,521	2,441,416	1,833,306	670,589	3,803,147
Taxable Individual Retirement Arrangement distributions:								
Number of returns	13,293,639	1,812,226	2,033,015	2,051,743	4,042,602	2,435,946	305,850	612,258
Amount	229,039,795	9,692,774	15,194,394	19,761,456	59,502,776	63,570,561	11,874,165	49,443,670

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Taxable pensions and annuities:								
Number of returns	27,614,259	4,073,207	4,692,752	4,826,395	8,284,342	4,513,507	475,636	748,419
Amount	623,275,150	27,798,034	58,606,621	85,182,988	212,136,275	172,248,548	23,578,892	43,723,792
Rent and royalty net income:								
Number of returns	6,850,085	893,743	775,654	886,435	1,841,223	1,528,306	238,583	686,141
Amount	102,769,309	7,095,372	4,861,915	6,030,332	17,201,122	21,365,081	5,428,101	40,787,386
Rent and royalty net loss:								
Number of returns	5,593,094	771,537	530,674	792,105	1,813,503	1,196,191	130,567	358,517
Amount	55,724,659	11,227,372	4,172,995	6,588,903	14,772,697	10,108,485	1,553,074	7,301,135
Partnership and S corporation net income:								
Number of returns	4,976,939	329,495	358,214	446,618	1,119,603	1,323,480	300,274	1,099,256
Amount	561,435,966	6,454,961	4,012,515	6,633,822	23,611,591	51,556,620	22,001,179	447,165,278
Partnership and S corporation net loss:								
Number of returns	2,396,092	383,064	193,878	284,261	588,153	552,994	101,591	292,151
Amount	71,939,537	32,640,137	1,763,028	3,147,473	6,172,565	6,259,765	1,731,645	20,224,925
Estate and trust net income:								
Number of returns	542,482	51,762	39,049	39,352	145,313	149,772	28,244	88,990
Amount	21,918,998	406,847	242,516	445,309	1,659,655	3,327,030	946,790	14,890,851
Estate and trust net loss:								
Number of returns	52,475	7,454	2,432	6,634	14,480	9,990	3,590	7,896
Amount	1,498,986	456,812	27,735	13,686	38,718	54,970	9,703	897,361
Farm net income:								
Number of returns	607,335	95,127	76,831	94,653	165,941	120,458	14,457	39,867
Amount	20,856,330	842,758	955,903	1,362,971	4,117,844	5,020,162	1,574,709	6,981,985
Farm net loss:								
Number of returns	1,238,006	205,050	153,857	201,971	354,500	224,895	30,583	67,152
Amount	25,913,372	8,887,838	2,034,241	2,470,318	4,693,006	3,639,693	764,628	3,423,648
Unemployment compensation:								
Number of returns	11,447,661	2,509,034	3,196,471	2,132,697	2,497,621	943,013	76,682	92,142
Amount	71,504,641	11,472,201	21,383,795	14,012,738	16,603,167	6,761,745	547,909	723,086
Taxable Social Security benefits:								
Number of returns	17,873,905	152,699	3,351,697	4,007,807	6,521,499	2,954,490	307,721	577,993
Amount	224,680,535	484,412	7,680,784	29,141,392	104,184,035	61,722,317	7,148,002	14,319,593
Total statutory adjustments:								
Number of returns	36,411,069	7,167,393	5,864,062	6,093,811	9,438,752	5,798,637	604,955	1,443,459
Amount	129,374,193	11,451,504	9,615,818	12,593,778	25,664,234	25,721,244	6,288,928	38,038,687
Educator expenses:								
Number of returns	3,845,402	101,365	285,838	688,065	1,509,689	1,091,656	96,935	71,853
Amount	972,449	22,077	65,920	163,333	379,506	298,133	25,470	18,010
Certain business expenses of reservists, performing artists, and fee-basis government officials:								
Number of returns	142,647	19,063	23,799	22,610	42,511	28,282	2,455	3,926
Amount	518,442	72,089	53,672	74,428	168,038	110,615	12,979	26,622
Payments to an Individual Retirement Arrangement:								
Number of returns	2,614,633	96,628	290,640	540,812	966,608	585,735	43,795	90,416
Amount	12,048,729	281,157	1,032,306	2,043,077	4,412,120	3,117,226	350,284	812,559
Student loan interest deduction:								
Number of returns	10,862,522	860,469	1,875,910	2,666,134	3,719,976	1,740,033	0	0
Amount	10,785,546	737,767	1,788,017	2,842,552	3,744,425	1,672,786	0	0
Tuition and fees deduction:								
Number of returns	2,137,596	588,714	281,093	258,219	444,460	565,110	0	0
Amount	4,736,807	1,646,798	635,013	519,586	808,067	1,127,343	0	0

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	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Health savings account deduction:								
Number of returns	1,048,888	32,704	75,865	127,163	321,171	274,971	54,682	162,332
Amount	3,199,728	93,203	157,064	238,857	774,058	914,397	231,383	790,766
Moving expenses adjustment:								
Number of returns	1,122,840	134,497	197,550	270,157	305,960	156,689	24,267	33,721
Amount	3,010,491	271,072	407,573	589,788	733,342	629,041	141,522	238,154
Self-employment tax deduction:								
Number of returns	18,414,088	5,571,477	3,245,029	2,322,840	3,577,410	2,330,678	383,777	982,877
Amount	25,564,221	3,201,894	3,140,282	2,665,970	5,027,142	4,996,705	1,188,280	5,343,947
Self-employed health insurance deduction:								
Number of returns	3,597,414	476,303	432,153	476,107	861,749	683,267	156,187	511,648
Amount	23,055,702	1,916,888	1,738,616	2,321,885	4,680,658	5,212,127	1,313,744	5,871,784
Payments to a self-employed retirement (Keogh) plan:								
Number of returns	879,760	16,593	20,987	35,955	145,896	256,181	84,098	320,050
Amount	19,217,028	175,495	114,766	169,862	1,541,419	4,032,858	1,899,347	11,283,280
Penalty on early withdrawal of savings:								
Number of returns	766,014	149,149	130,147	129,309	207,867	106,500	13,678	29,365
Amount	432,195	164,474	25,166	84,232	116,990	16,771	2,238	22,325
Alimony paid:								
Number of returns	621,760	44,005	49,438	79,122	201,989	153,337	24,740	69,128
Amount	12,562,610	2,394,891	299,360	639,017	2,296,521	2,389,333	678,720	3,864,768
Domestic production activities deduction:								
Number of returns	616,624	26,202	38,621	45,460	138,457	165,185	35,037	167,663
Amount	11,005,522	295,562	74,554	98,285	429,971	772,603	277,575	9,056,971
Other adjustments [5]:								
Number of returns	146,398	14,118	16,877	32,086	54,731	19,430	3,392	5,764
Amount	2,125,773	144,735	83,353	142,785	529,362	405,513	156,454	663,570
Total exemptions:								
Number of exemptions	289,036,404	46,529,964	59,253,327	51,744,893	72,891,332	43,330,460	5,287,677	9,998,751
Amount	1,097,471,129	176,567,391	224,958,731	196,491,689	276,818,273	164,583,039	20,083,175	37,968,832
Total deductions:								
Number of returns	142,928,574	34,852,859	30,588,131	25,343,463	31,214,450	15,669,934	1,824,016	3,435,720
Amount	1,986,486,031	248,554,699	271,765,217	266,289,861	464,460,159	366,510,427	64,683,483	304,222,184
Total standard deduction [6]:								
Number of returns	97,469,156	33,203,783	27,221,376	18,691,704	15,150,558	2,936,537	123,339	141,859
Amount	802,096,115	223,366,012	221,092,673	163,242,862	156,992,149	34,379,237	1,428,181	1,594,999
Basic standard deduction:								
Number of returns	97,469,156	33,203,783	27,221,376	18,691,704	15,150,558	2,936,537	123,339	141,859
Amount	778,168,926	216,432,663	215,235,717	159,009,110	151,731,069	32,896,404	1,356,712	1,507,252
Additional standard deduction:								
Number of returns	13,806,281	4,210,874	3,393,963	2,387,615	2,943,613	786,307	36,912	46,997
Amount	23,904,241	6,932,333	5,852,348	4,229,845	5,249,890	1,480,619	71,465	87,742
Total itemized deductions:								
Number of returns	45,459,418	1,649,077	3,366,755	6,651,758	16,063,893	12,733,397	1,700,677	3,293,861
Amount	1,184,389,916	25,188,687	50,672,544	103,046,998	307,468,010	332,131,189	63,255,302	302,627,185

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	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Medical and dental expenses deduction:								
Number of returns	10,142,326	1,212,487	1,771,348	2,268,484	3,547,126	1,213,734	71,577	57,569
Amount	83,098,999	10,518,408	13,617,644	15,740,657	28,334,696	11,693,305	1,264,543	1,929,746
Taxes paid deduction:								
Number of returns	45,127,804	1,561,100	3,282,995	6,569,557	16,004,188	12,719,326	1,700,200	3,290,439
Amount	473,288,959	5,043,882	10,866,117	25,829,153	99,245,763	137,979,796	29,849,327	164,474,922
State and local income taxes: [7]								
Number of returns	43,822,192	1,384,319	3,071,671	6,303,953	15,618,927	12,506,453	1,678,342	3,258,527
Amount	293,174,713	1,093,110	3,138,976	10,463,506	50,005,257	79,564,838	18,763,094	130,145,931
Income taxes:								
Number of returns	33,639,690	443,691	1,584,610	4,404,276	12,448,192	10,562,839	1,433,355	2,762,726
Amount	277,075,934	562,630	1,911,654	8,372,586	45,110,866	75,261,869	17,966,233	127,890,096
General sales taxes:								
Number of returns	10,182,502	940,627	1,487,061	1,899,677	3,170,735	1,943,614	244,987	495,800
Amount	16,098,779	530,480	1,227,322	2,090,920	4,894,390	4,302,969	796,861	2,255,835
Interest paid deduction:								
Number of returns	35,289,035	851,279	1,998,556	4,736,064	12,837,237	10,838,792	1,421,164	2,605,943
Amount	340,989,032	5,940,659	14,370,102	33,375,071	106,672,578	112,712,872	18,963,322	48,954,428
Total home mortgage interest deduction:								
Number of returns	34,766,623	833,031	1,970,780	4,680,846	12,708,926	10,717,671	1,391,645	2,463,723
Amount	326,286,141	5,793,826	13,667,387	31,975,573	102,504,845	111,050,973	18,464,876	42,828,661
Charitable contributions deduction:								
Number of returns	37,392,661	996,862	2,355,805	4,932,473	13,115,346	11,353,209	1,557,804	3,081,163
Amount	179,059,057	1,496,518	5,144,603	11,859,196	39,218,895	44,723,793	8,827,805	67,788,247
Taxable income:								
Number of returns	109,144,308	9,244,421	23,219,933	24,702,430	31,071,779	15,650,872	1,822,172	3,432,701
Amount	6,356,630,161	25,071,854	215,157,181	532,917,061	1,487,794,538	1,573,704,933	320,597,796	2,201,386,798
Alternative minimum tax:								
Number of returns	4,250,567	10,189	9,362	4,255	101,055	652,710	811,912	2,661,084
Amount	29,120,958	94,887	25,851	42,555	178,933	1,470,671	2,192,885	25,115,175
Income tax before credits:								
Number of returns	108,306,174	8,933,785	22,909,005	24,570,062	31,000,834	15,637,984	1,821,529	3,432,976
Amount	1,263,297,489	2,592,666	23,862,403	66,217,691	215,899,065	278,431,079	69,206,368	607,088,216
Total tax credits: [8]								
Number of returns	47,638,258	2,866,913	10,213,336	10,622,912	13,931,653	7,504,470	715,938	1,783,036
Amount	71,727,671	430,259	5,188,784	11,547,535	23,183,207	12,198,459	980,823	18,198,603
Child care credit:								
Number of returns	6,422,373	8,127	878,713	1,289,536	2,138,811	1,635,985	199,604	271,597
Amount	3,457,717	947	386,514	742,418	1,166,072	908,929	101,059	151,777
Credit for the elderly or disabled:								
Number of returns	65,050	42,281	22,769	0	0	0	0	0
Amount	8,860	6,509	2,351	0	0	0	0	0
Child tax credit:								
Number of returns	23,049,023	65,030	3,912,426	6,315,341	9,226,075	3,528,404	1,747	0
Amount	27,932,433	7,461	1,775,669	6,358,867	14,907,718	4,881,425	1,291	0
Education tax credits:								
Number of returns	10,220,402	759,846	2,271,984	2,298,819	3,141,439	1,748,314	0	0
Amount	10,701,456	184,767	1,693,307	2,382,452	3,892,421	2,548,509	0	0
Retirement savings contributions credit:								
Number of returns	6,998,725	316,228	3,065,086	2,658,465	958,946	0	0	0
Amount	1,220,809	53,066	513,784	500,572	153,386	0	0	0

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Residential energy credits:								
Number of returns	2,274,929	17,567	144,638	374,969	881,696	646,612	85,639	123,808
Amount	1,269,568	4,370	40,436	122,647	358,206	438,658	97,703	207,548
Foreign tax credit:								
Number of returns	7,110,374	131,366	389,933	720,019	2,008,189	2,024,746	438,717	1,397,406
Amount	18,044,839	7,008	37,653	121,852	522,091	1,210,561	631,157	15,514,517
General business credit:								
Number of returns	397,768	3,540	14,360	17,873	90,276	120,269	29,988	121,459
Amount	1,901,495	8,318	6,090	23,020	146,192	250,172	53,738	1,413,965
Prior-year minimum tax credit:								
Number of returns	248,990	* 2,077	2,415	11,767	37,368	102,132	36,796	56,436
Amount	795,932	* 302	136	11,242	42,134	139,645	31,872	570,601
Total earned income credit (EIC):								
Number of returns	28,185,550	13,709,934	9,657,456	4,812,682	* 5,479	0	0	0
Amount	65,408,702	25,139,004	33,463,571	6,805,993	* 135	0	0	0
EIC used to offset income tax before credits:								
Number of returns	4,189,432	1,560,306	1,012,233	1,616,892	0	0	0	0
Amount	1,229,492	138,018	460,391	631,083	0	0	0	0
EIC used to offset other taxes:								
Number of returns	6,879,942	4,004,830	2,034,773	839,302	* 1,038	0	0	0
Amount	6,880,453	3,372,172	2,824,111	684,138	* 32	0	0	0
EIC, refundable portion:								
Number of returns	24,733,068	11,651,204	9,397,206	3,680,217	* 4,441	0	0	0
Amount	57,298,757	21,628,813	30,179,069	5,490,771	* 103	0	0	0
Total refundable American Opportunity Credit:								
Number of returns	10,140,770	2,433,065	2,112,786	1,646,099	2,308,858	1,639,962	0	0
Amount	8,969,989	2,082,915	1,765,229	1,416,853	2,093,261	1,611,731	0	0
Refundable American Opportunity Credit used to offset income tax before credits:								
Number of returns	5,151,321	28,600	571,099	864,375	2,055,559	1,631,688	0	0
Amount	4,099,742	2,757	213,474	561,023	1,725,289	1,597,199	0	0
Refundable American Opportunity Credit used to offset other taxes:								
Number of returns	524,257	173,755	125,264	144,953	75,840	4,444	0	0
Amount	271,134	63,724	61,212	95,535	48,983	1,679	0	0
Refundable American Opportunity Credit refundable portion:								
Number of returns	5,468,814	2,376,518	1,816,851	902,046	361,885	11,513	0	0
Amount	4,599,113	2,016,433	1,490,543	760,295	318,988	12,853	0	0
Total additional child tax credit:								
Number of returns	20,823,664	6,339,577	9,315,550	4,190,717	959,074	18,736	* 10	0
Amount	28,099,060	6,182,837	14,021,421	6,513,589	1,356,886	24,312	* 15	0
Additional child tax credit used to offset other taxes:								
Number of returns	1,202,326	184,991	306,617	442,107	263,484	5,123	* 4	0
Amount	1,146,809	181,530	331,642	429,718	197,986	5,930	* 3	0
Additional child tax credit refundable portion:								
Number of returns	20,131,010	6,202,471	9,142,374	3,946,358	824,469	15,331	* 6	0
Amount	26,952,251	6,001,307	13,689,779	6,083,871	1,158,900	18,383	* 12	0

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Total Regulated Investment Company credit:								
Number of returns	30,765	* 513	10,441	* 4,188	6,958	4,791	1,124	2,751
Amount	143,196	* 16	93,601	* 10,451	3,895	1,133	7,591	26,510
Regulated Investment Company credit used to offset income tax before credits:								
Number of returns	18,469	* 5	* 1,044	* 3,144	* 5,715	4,710	* 1,117	2,734
Amount	27,848	* 1	* 1,053	* 2,476	* 2,205	1,109	* 7,590	13,413
Regulated Investment Company credit used to offset other taxes:								
Number of returns	* 1,444	* 254	0	0	* 1,185	** 5	0	**
Amount	* 948	* 12	0	0	* 935	** 2	0	**
Regulated Investment Company credit refundable portion:								
Number of returns	13,083	* 254	10,441	* 1,044	1,243	76	* 7	18
Amount	114,400	* 3	92,548	* 7,975	755	22	* 1	13,097
Total adoption credit:								
Number of returns	* 2,429	* 1,061	0	0	0	* 1,030	* 338	0
Amount	* 28,355	* 14,177	0	0	0	* 13,758	* 419	0
Adoption credit used to offset income tax before credits:								
Number of returns	* 1,368	0	0	0	0	* 1,030	* 338	0
Amount	* 10,074	0	0	0	0	* 9,656	* 419	0
Adoption credit used to offset other taxes:								
Number of returns	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amount	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adoption credit refundable portion:								
Number of returns	* 2,091	* 1,061	0	0	0	* 1,030	0	0
Amount	* 18,280	* 14,177	0	0	0	* 4,103	0	0
Total refundable prior-year minimum tax credit:								
Number of returns	201,621	12,192	4,625	2,095	5,143	26,416	22,536	128,613
Amount	458,106	38,728	7,510	5,439	16,735	78,184	37,408	274,103
Refundable prior-year minimum tax credit used to offset income tax before credits:								
Number of returns	177,708	162	0	0	1,900	24,988	22,314	128,344
Amount	346,176	918	0	0	8,598	43,923	36,349	256,388
Refundable prior-year minimum tax credit used to offset other taxes:								
Number of returns	3,304	1,912	* 70	* 93	679	362	91	98
Amount	6,203	4,170	* 702	* 89	513	439	69	220
Refundable prior-year minimum tax credit refundable portion:								
Number of returns	24,890	10,684	4,608	2,011	4,282	2,783	168	355
Amount	105,728	33,640	6,807	5,349	7,624	33,822	990	17,495

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Total health insurance credit:								
Number of returns	11,396	* 1,052	0	* 3,486	* 3,606	* 3,075	0	* 178
Amount	24,756	* 2,592	0	* 9,065	* 8,336	* 4,201	0	* 563
Health insurance credit used to offset income tax before credits:								
Number of returns	9,301	0	0	* 2,442	* 3,606	* 3,075	0	* 178
Amount	14,131	0	0	* 1,074	* 8,294	* 4,201	0	* 563
Health insurance credit used to offset other taxes:								
Number of returns	* 1,051	0	0	* 1,044	* 7	0	0	0
Amount	* 900	0	0	* 877	* 24	0	0	0
Health insurance credit refundable portion:								
Number of returns	* 2,103	* 1,052	0	* 1,044	* 7	0	0	0
Amount	* 9,725	* 2,592	0	* 7,114	* 18	0	0	0
Self-employment tax:								
Number of returns	18,414,088	5,571,477	3,245,029	2,322,840	3,577,410	2,330,678	383,777	982,877
Amount	45,243,716	5,600,927	5,482,799	4,653,417	8,770,435	8,752,703	2,102,055	9,881,380
Total income tax:								
Number of returns	93,149,118	7,255,135	15,814,248	19,436,785	29,810,945	15,591,186	1,817,342	3,423,477
Amount	1,191,569,818	2,162,407	18,673,619	54,670,156	192,715,858	266,232,620	68,225,545	588,889,614
Total tax liability:								
Number of returns	96,946,427	9,778,819	16,461,976	19,856,298	29,999,831	15,605,875	1,818,532	3,425,096
Amount	1,235,478,192	4,306,609	21,303,481	58,830,154	203,061,743	277,026,193	70,693,399	600,256,613

* Estimate should be used with caution because of the small number of sample returns on which it is based.

** Data combined to prevent disclosure of information for specific taxpayers.

[1] Includes returns with adjusted gross deficit.

[2] Included in data for Forms 1040, 1040A, and 1040EZ.

[3] Not included in adjusted gross income (less deficit).

[4] Includes capital gain distributions reported on Form 1040 and Schedule D.

[5] Other adjustments does not include the foreign housing deduction or the medical savings account deduction. However these are included in total deductions.

[6] Includes additional real estate taxes, motor vehicle taxes, and net disaster loss deductions from prior years, not shown separately.

[7] State and local income taxes is the total of both income taxes and general sales taxes.

[8] Includes EIC, American Opportunity Credit, Regulated Investment Company credit, refundable adoption credit, refundable prior-year minimum tax credit, and health insurance credit, used to offset income tax before credits, shown separately in this table.

NOTE: Detail may not add to totals because of rounding.

Source: IRS, Statistics of Income Division, Individual Income Tax Returns, Preliminary Data, February 2014.